



AUSTRALIAN AWARDS
FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING

2022 AAUT PD SESSION: WRITING A SUCCESSFUL CITATION APPLICATION

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Guest Speakers:
Prof. Liz Johnson, Deakin University
A/Prof. Jane Frost, University of Canberra
A/Prof. Christine Barry, Flinders University

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



On behalf of those present, I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we now meet. I pay my respects to their Elders: past, present and emerging.

I also pay my respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia and hope that the path towards reconciliation continues to be shared and embraced.

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AGENDA

- Welcome & Purpose
- Guest presenters:
 - Prof. Liz Johnson, Deakin Uni
 - A/Prof. Jane Frost (INC6 UCanNurseBETTER Team),
 - A/Prof. Christine Barry, Flinders Uni
- Nomination key dates
- Q&A



GUEST PANELISTS



Prof. Liz Johnson

**Citation Awards Committee Chair
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Deakin University**



A/Prof Jane Frost

**INC6/UCaNurseBetter Team
University of Canberra**



A/Prof. Christine Barry

Flinders University

Preparing an AAUT Citation



Today:

- Why an AAUT citation?
- First steps
- Categories and criteria
- Narrative and evidence

Why nominate?



- Higher education is transformative
- Excellence is inspiring
- Excellence in university teaching builds better student outcomes
- Understanding excellence builds capability
- Recognizing excellence builds confidence
- National awards build networks and communities of practice

What is outstanding?

Citations for outstanding contributions to student learning

Outstanding contributions are:

- Significant – has tangible impact on student learning
- Leading – go beyond normal design, delivery or support
- Evidence-based – can demonstrate achievement
- Purposeful and reflective – describe a cohesive narrative



Where do I start?



[2021 AAUT Citation Nomination Instructions](#)



- AAUT [website](#) including resources for nominees
- [AAUT Network](#) website – advice, resources
- Institutional websites for awards



- Learning and Teaching Awards team in your institution
- Past winners, mentors and learning & teaching leaders
- [AAUT Network](#) mentoring scheme

How does the nomination work?

Category (*choose 1*)

Where does your award fit?

- Discipline group
- Nomination category
 - ECR
 - Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Educ.
 - Sessional Staff
 - Everyone else

Sub-category (*choose 1*)

What did you do?

1. Approaches to teaching and support of learning
2. Development of curricula, resources or services
3. Effective assessment practices
4. Innovation or leadership

Assessment criteria (*all*)

What makes it outstanding?

1. Positive impact over time
2. Recognition
3. Creativity, imagination and/or innovation
4. Scholarly

Selecting the right sub-category 1



1. **Approaches** to teaching and/or the support of learning that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn
2. Development of **curricula, resources or services** that reflect a command of the field
3. Effective **assessment practices** that bring about improvements in student teaching, focus on academic integrity.
4. **Innovation or leadership** that has influenced and enhanced learning and teaching and/or the student experience.

*Where does your evidence sit best?
What kind of story will you tell?*

Selecting the right sub-category 2

1. **Approaches** to teaching and/or the support of learning that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn

Consider:

*Teaching philosophy
Integrating, cohesive
Enabling success*

2. Development of **curricula, resources or services** that reflect a command of the field

Consider:

*Development of discipline education
New types of resources
New applications of resources
Authentic tasks
Linkage to practice/life/community*

Selecting the right sub-category 3

3. Effective **assessment practices** that bring about improvements in student teaching, focus on academic integrity.

Consider:

Authentic Assessment

Feedback

Academic integrity

Evaluative judgement

4. **Innovation or leadership** that has influenced and enhanced learning and teaching and/or the student experience.

Consider:

Sphere of influence

- *Institution: own and others*
 - *Discipline, peak bodies*
 - *Sector: national, international*
- Kinds of leadership*

Addressing all the assessment criteria

Impact

Positively impacted on student learning, student engagement or the overall student experience for a period of no less than three years.

Recognition

Gained recognition from colleagues, the institution, and/or the broader community.

Creativity

Shown creativity, imagination and/or innovation.

Scholarship

Drawn on the scholarly literature on teaching and learning to inform the development of initiatives, programs and/or practice.

Building the narrative

From [2021 Assessors Tips on Writing a Successful Application](#) (AAUT Resources site)

Think of the writing process as a three-legged stool. Firstly, make the claim. Secondly, tell us about the impact. Thirdly, give us the evidence.

Find a hook for your work, create a narrative but use data to bring it to life.

The best nominations are those which really give you a sense of the nominee as an educator, what makes him or her unique. While staying within the context and criteria, make sure it is 'your' story that is being told.

Evidence 1

Perceptions

What did people think?

- Surveys
- Feedback
- Reviews/comments

Behaviours

What did people do?

- Participation
- Engagement

Outcomes

What happened?

- Grades/marks
- Achievements
- Skills

Impact: what changed and did it last?

New/different graduate outcomes: employment and life
New/different and sustained learning/teaching/experience
Independent evaluation / peer-review

Evidence 2

- Critique your data - and/or ask a friend
- Triangulate with complementary data
- Show sustained with longitudinal data
- Qualitative and/or quantitative
- Context – constraints, factors
- Literature – alignment/new insight



[W.A.Stanggaßinger](#), Wikicommons

Putting it together

From [2021 Assessors Tips on Writing a Successful Application](#) (AAUT Resources site)

Get organized

- Preparation time
- Reflective process
- Mentors and reviewers
- Talk to your institutional team

Make it easy for the assessors

- Address the criteria
- Use recognizable headers
- Create a story
- Explain the context and significance

Good luck



GUEST PANELISTS: 2021 CITATION RECIPIENTS



- Share your experience in preparing a citation application
- Overcoming any challenges
- Tips for writing a successful citation



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UCANNURSE: BETTER



Belong to the profession

Engage in learning

Work **Together**

Be a **Team**

Engage with **Emotion**

Prepare for **Reality**

Citation:

For the continued development and implementation of a capstone unit which consolidates prior learning through social learning strategies designed to promote a culture of belongingness.

Choosing the right criterion:

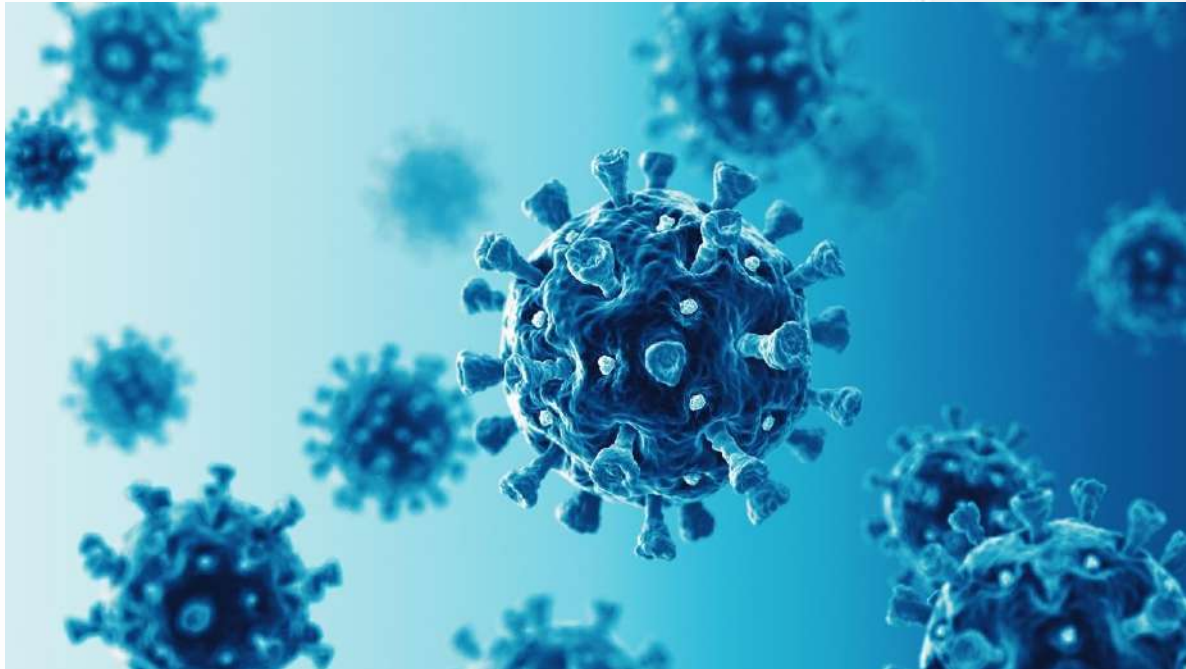
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Figure 1: Wengers (2009) social theory of learning

UCANNURSE BETTER – Challenges



Following the journey over three years

Covid disrupted a lot of the original ideas but it also gave opportunities to use the same concepts but do them differently

The application takes time – it needs refining again and again so factor this in

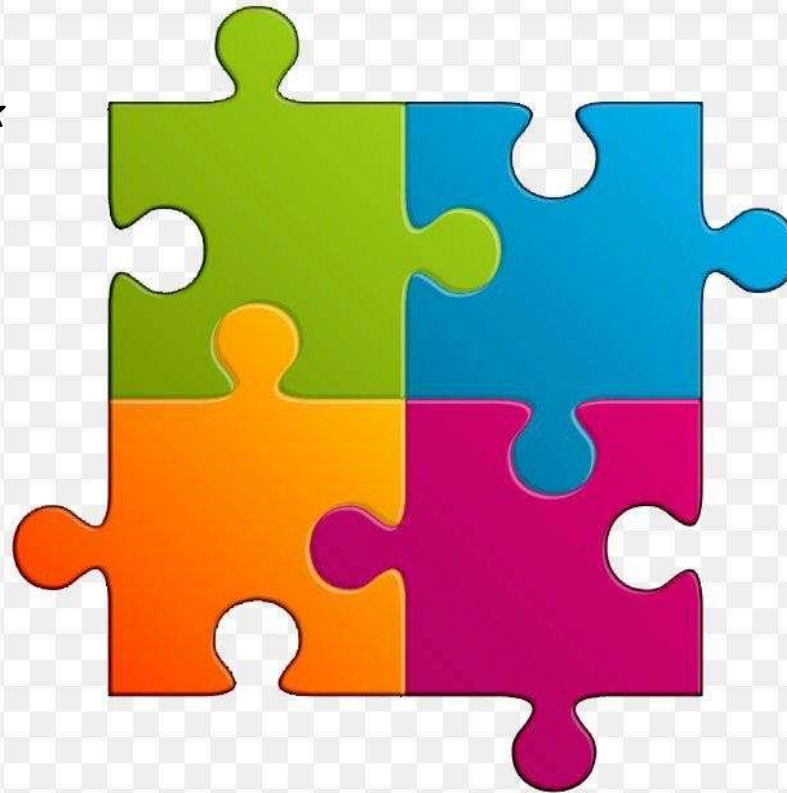
UCANNURSE BETTER – Tips

*Cohesive story and
pedagogical framework*

Research

**Evidence:
Data,
Feedback**

Learning



UCANNURSE BETTER – Not just the application



Don't forget to reach out for references early and to remember you need specific photos for the application – this was a huge last minute drama for us

Teaching anatomical foundations for clinical excellence
Evidence-based approaches that overcome cognitive barriers, develop metacognitive awareness and inspire clinically oriented student learning

A/Prof. Christine Barry
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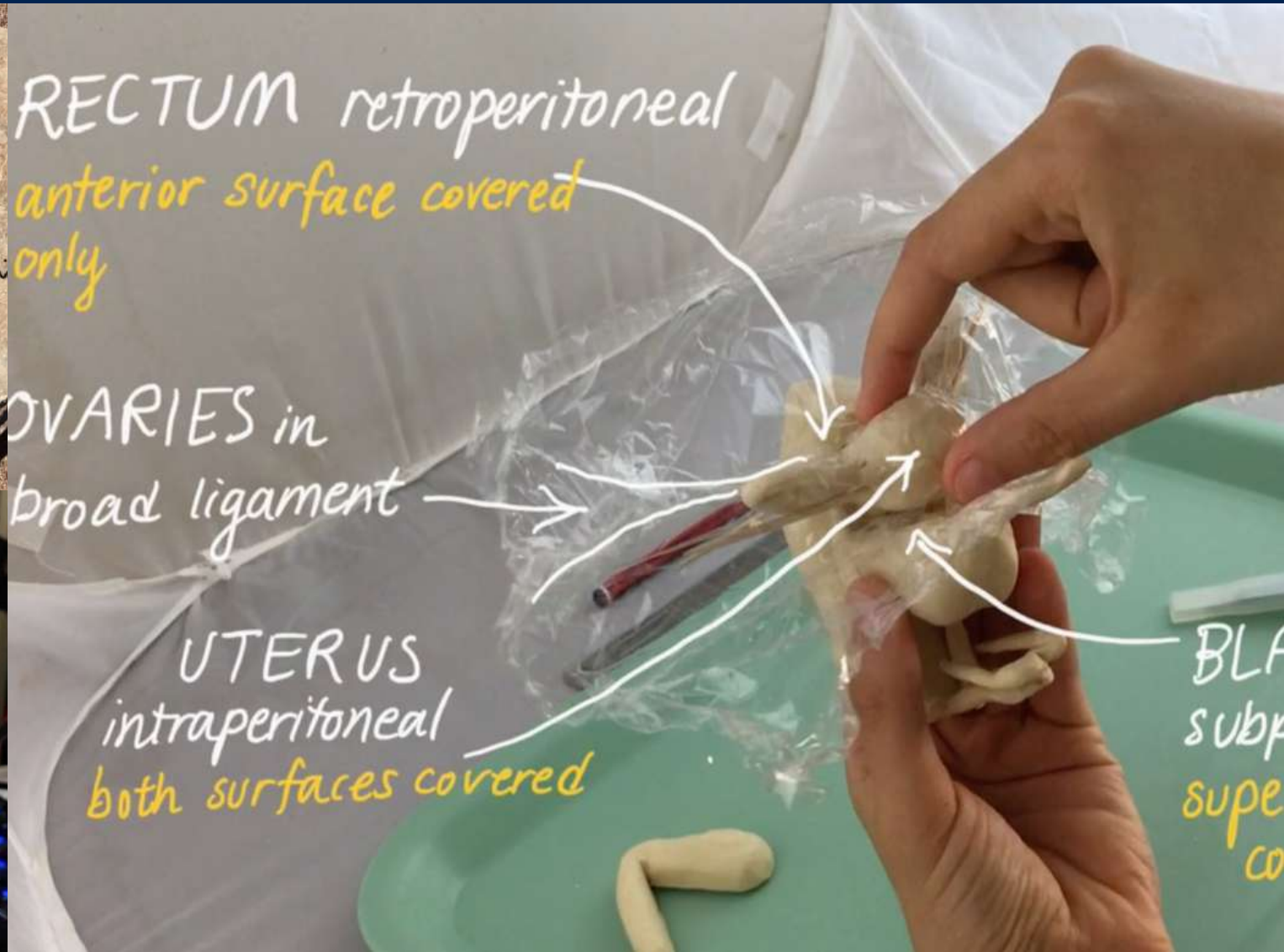
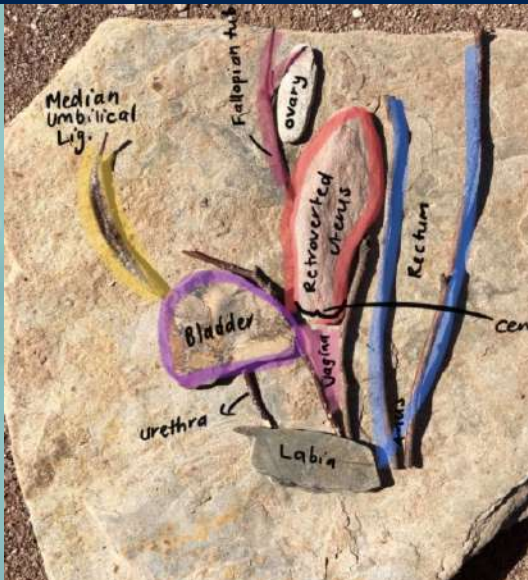
Preparing the application

- Challenge
- Context
- Philosophy
- Educational theory
- Evidence



Overcoming challenges

- Valuing teaching
- Team vs individual
- Narrative arc
- Theory
- Data – quantitative and qualitative



Tips for a successful application

- Stakeholder engagement
- Recognition
- Evaluation and Scholarship
- Outcomes and impact
- Impact sustainability

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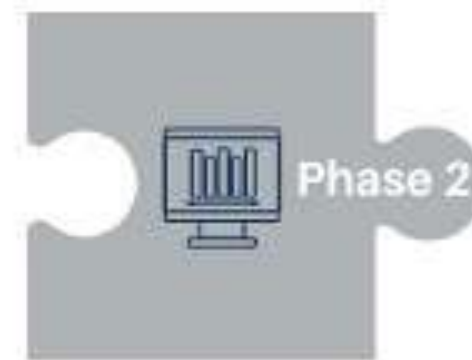
NOMINATION PROCESS/KEY DATES



ICO Account ID
Awards Portal
Nomination Instructions
Friday 12 Aug



**Nominee
Registration**
Open: Monday 15 Aug
8.00am AEST
**Close: Friday 26 Aug
11.59pm AEST**



**Submission
Upload**
Open: Monday 5 Sept
8.00am AEST
**Close: Friday 16 Sept
11.59pm AEST**

2022 AAUT BRIEFING/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS (APRIL to JULY)



28 APR

Introduction to Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education

5 MAY

Institutional Contact Officers (ICOs) Briefing Session

19 MAY

Meet the 2018 to 2021 Australian University Teacher of the Year recipients

2 JUN

Writing a successful AAUT Citation application

16 JUN

Writing a successful AAUT Program Award application

30 JUN

Writing a successful AAUT Teaching Award application

14 JUL

Applying for a Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education

28 JUL

Applying for an Early Career application

Q&A



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